
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO CREATE A MASTER
PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS IN
RESORT AREAS THROUGHOUT HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, universal access to broadband internet services
2 has been touted as a vital economic engine for the nation, an
3 essential vehicle for enhanced learning and medicine, and a
4 critical element of the news and entertainment industries; and
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6 WHEREAS, tourism is the number one economic driver for the
7 State's economy; and
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9 WHEREAS, state action is needed to support investment in,
10 stimulate the adoption of, and remove potential barriers to the
11 development and availability of world-class and universally
12 accessible broadband networks in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
16 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
17 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to
18 establish a working group to create a master plan to provide
19 universal high speed broadband access in resort areas throughout
20 Hawaii; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the working
23 group is to:
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- 25 (1) Develop specific strategies for the establishment of
26 universal high speed broadband access throughout
27 Waikiki and other resort areas throughout the State,
28 including Kaanapali, Maui; Kohala, Hawaii; and
29 Hanalei, Kauai; and
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(2) Identify best practices to establish a database that identifies current and prospective projects for deploying broadband; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include:

- (1) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism or the Director's designee;
- (2) One representative from the Hawaii Tourism Authority;
- (3) One representative from the Cable Television Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (4) One representative from the Department of Budget and Finance;
- (5) One representative from each of the Mayor's offices of the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, and the City and County of Honolulu;
- (6) One representative from a nonprofit organization that represents the interests of the Hawaii hotel industry to be selected by the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
- (7) Four representatives of county, state, and federal government entities that have a role in infrastructure deployment; management of public rights-of-way, regulation, and franchising; information technology; and economic development to be selected by the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and
- (8) Five representatives of Hawaii's private sector technology, telecommunications, and investment industries, including the incumbent local exchange carrier to be selected by the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, or the Director's designee,



1 is requested to serve as the chairperson of the working group;
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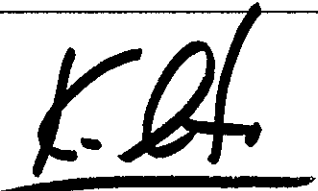
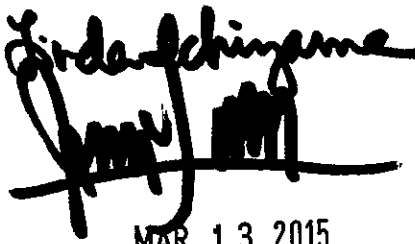
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that working group members serve
5 without compensation but be reimbursed for all necessary
6 expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the performance
7 of their duties as working group members; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group provide a
10 written report of its findings and recommendations, including
11 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
12 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2016;
13 and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group dissolve on
16 June 30, 2016; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
20 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Board of
21 Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Director of Commerce
22 and Consumer Affairs, Director of Finance, and the Mayors of the
23 Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai and the City and County of
24 Honolulu.
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Statement of
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS
Friday, March 20, 2015
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
HCR189
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO CREATE A MASTER
PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS IN
RESORT AREAS THROUGHOUT HAWAII.**

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of HCR 189 that would establish a working group to create a master plan to provide universal high-speed broadband access in Waikiki and other resort areas throughout Hawaii and identify best practices to establish a database that identifies current and prospective projects for deploying broadband.

DBEDT agrees that broadband access will help Hawaii's resort areas become more competitive globally. However, DBEDT currently lacks the staff capacity and funding to convene an eighteen member working group and assist in drafting the master plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Date: Friday, March 20, 2015
Time: 10:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON H.C.R. NO. 189 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO CREATE A MASTER PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS IN RESORT AREAS THROUGHOUT HAWAII.

TO THE HONORABLE DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ji Sook “Lisa” Kim, and I am the Cable Television Administrator at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the “Department”). The Department appreciates the opportunity to express **support for the intent** of H.C.R. No. 189 which convenes a working group to create a master plan to provide universal high speed broadband access throughout Waikiki and other resort areas in the State.

The Department supports the intent to plan and coordinate development of critical broadband infrastructure. Creation of master plans with the input of all stakeholders will help to accelerate the deployment of broadband and telecommunications infrastructure across the State, and will promote the efficient use of government and private resources while minimizing the disruption to the public caused by such deployment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii SUPPORTS HCR 189, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO CREATE A MASTER PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS IN RESORT AREAS THROUGHOUT HAWAII.

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Testimony before the House Committee on Economic Development & Business

**By Paul A. Nakagawa
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**Friday, March 20, 2015
10:30 am, Conference Room 312**

**House Concurrent Resolution 189
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Establish a Working Group to Create a Master Plan of Providing Universal High
Speed Broadband Access in Resort Areas Throughout Hawaii.**

Chairman Kawakami, Vice-Chairman Kong, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Paul Nakagawa and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiaries, Hawaii Electric Light Company and Maui Electric Company.

We support the deployment of high-speed broadband infrastructure in Hawaii, and the efforts of the Legislature and the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council (BAAC) to advance broadband service throughout the state. We continue to actively participate in the BAAC and the BAAC Permitting Work Group. We therefore respectfully request that a representative from Hawaiian Electric Company be considered for one of the five representatives to be selected from Hawaii's private sector in technology, telecommunications, and investment industries, including the incumbent local exchange carrier. Because much of the broadband infrastructure may be placed on existing overhead or underground utility infrastructure and easements, we believe we can provide constructive input and technical insight to complement the intent of this working group to be established to create a master plan of providing universal high speed broadband access in resort areas throughout Hawaii.

We appreciate the support of the Legislature in hearing our request and for allowing us the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Thank you.